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[Project No. 4639-033]

**Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
- b. Project No.: 4639-033
- c. Date Filed: September 29, 2021
- d. Applicant: Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Christine Falls Hydroelectric Project (Christine Falls Project)
- f. Location: On the Sacandaga River near the Village of Speculator, Hamilton County, New York. The project does not occupy federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) – 825 (r)
- h. Applicant Contacts: Mr. Sayad Moudachirou, Licensing Manager, Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro LLC, 717 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 1A, Boston, MA 02111, Phone: 617-933-7206, Email: [sayad@ampersandenergy.com](mailto:sayad@ampersandenergy.com); and Mr. Jason Huang, Asset Manager, Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro LLC, 717 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 1A, Boston, MA 02111, Phone: 773-919-0923, Email: [jasonh@ampersandenergy.com](mailto:jasonh@ampersandenergy.com).
- i. FERC Contact: Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660; or e-mail at [andrew.bernick@ferc.gov](mailto:andrew.bernick@ferc.gov).
- j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study

should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: November 28, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: **Christine Falls Project (P-4639-033)**.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The Christine Falls Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 15-foot-high, 165-foot-long concrete gravity dam, with 3-foot-high wooden flashboards installed along the crest of the 135-foot-long spillway; (2) a 1.1-acre reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 1,699.7 feet at mean sea level; (3) an intake structure; (4) a 650-foot-long steel penstock with a diameter of 72 inches; (5) a brick powerhouse containing two turbine-generator units (i.e., one 275-kilowatt (kW) unit and one 575-kW unit) with a total capacity of 850 kW; (6) a tailrace with a minimum depth of 21 feet; (7) a 610-foot-long bypassed reach; (8) an approximately 1.6-mile-long, 4.16/13.2-kilovolt underground transmission line connecting the powerhouse to a point of interconnection; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

The Christine Falls Project is operated in a run-of-river mode with an average annual generation of 2,478 megawatt-hours.

o. A copy of the application may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)	November 2021
Request Additional Information	November 2021
Issue Acceptance Letter	February 2022
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	March 2022
Request Additional Information (if necessary)	May 2022
Issue Scoping Document 2	June 2022
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	June 2022

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: October 6, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*